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SUBJ: EGYPTIAN PRESS IGNORE MOSCOW SWIPE AT "ISRAELI PROVOCATIONS"

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1. ENGLISH LANGUAGE EGYPTIAN GAZETTE WAS ONLY PAPER TO CARRY REUTER ARTICLE DATELINED MOSCOW JAN. 2 REPORTING PRAVDA ACCUSATION THAT ISRAEL "PROVOKING" EGYPT BY CONDUCTING "LARGE SCALE MILITARY MANEUVERS" IN SINAI. PRAVDA ARTICLE BY YURI ZHUKOV ADDED THAT THIS PART OF "ISRAELI PROGRAM OF SABOTAGE AIMED AT HINDERING QUEST FOR PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT." (DAO CONFIRMED THAT GOE RESPONDED TO MANEUVERS BY PLACING ARMED FORCES ON ALERT.)

2. ON SOVIET RELATIONS, GOE APPROACH GOT UNEXPECTED SUPPORT CONFIDENTIAL

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FROM MARXIST WEEKLY ROSE AL-YUSUF. RAG, REFERRING TO SADAT AL-SAYYAD INTERVIEW, (REF B) NOTED APPROVINGLY VIEW OF "INFORMED OBSERVERS" THAT SADAT'S INITIATIVE MIGHT CHANGE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION IF SOVIETS GOT THE MESSAGES AND RESPONDED.

3. COMMENT: ISRAELI MANEUVERS LOOK LIKE A HANDY ITEM FOR GOE IN ITS "BRING ISRAEL-TO-THE-TABLE" CAMPAIGN. SADAT AND FAHMY

MAY ENCOURAGE FOREIGN MEDIA TO PICK IT UP)
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